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SUBJECT: USSR ASKS BID ON GRAIN SORGHUM SEED

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1. EKSPORTKHLEB OFFICIALS ASKED REPRESENTATIVE MAJOR U. S. SEED COMPANY FOR BID ON 500 TONS HYBRID SORGHUM SEED IN MEETING JUNE 18.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THIS QUANTITY SEED INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH GRAIN SORGHUM AS MAJOR COMMERCIAL GRAIN CROP IN USSR, IT IS ENOUGH TO INDICATE SOVIET INTENTIONS TO ENGAGE IN LARGE SCALE TESTING -- 100,000 TO 500,000 ACRES, DEPENDING ON SEEDING RATE. MOST WESTERN OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN BAFFLED BY FAILURE USSR TO PLANT SORGHUM IN AREAS SOUTHERN EUROPEAN USSR WHERE TEMPERATURES TOO HIGH AND PRECIPITATION TOO LIMITED FOR GOOD CORN YIELDS.
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